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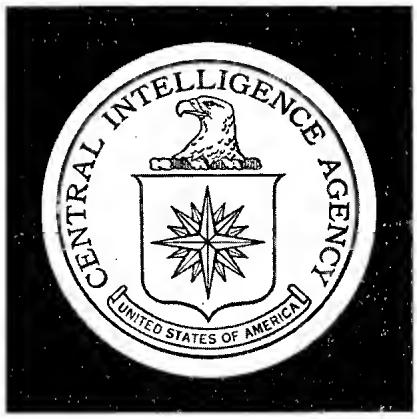

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1. United Nations

Kosygin and the other delegation heads spent a rather busy day in New York yesterday conferring with one another and getting their lines straight for today's General Assembly session.

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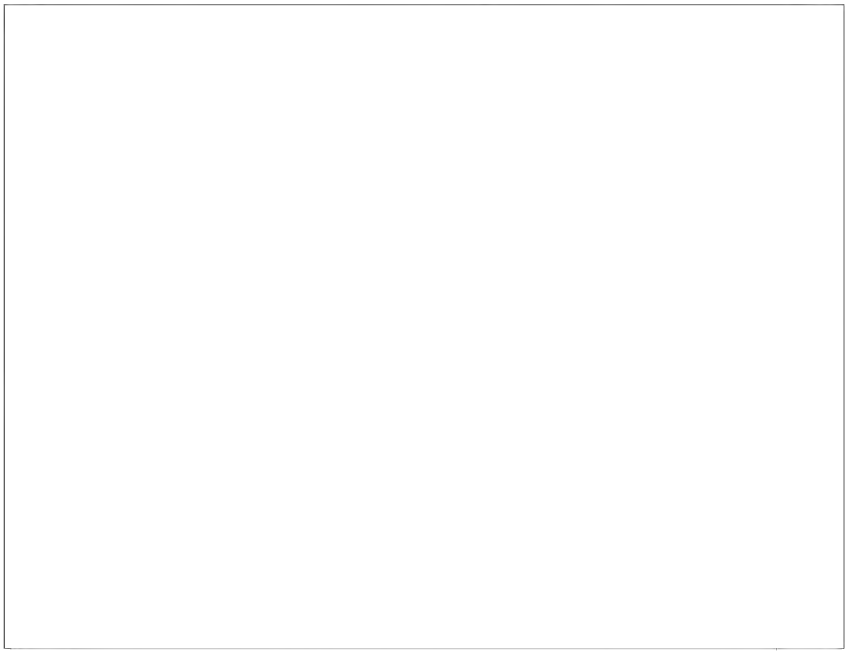

The Soviet press generally maintains its harsh line against the US and Israel. Unofficially, however, Moscow seems to be probing for US reaction to various elements of a possible Middle East settlement.

2. Arab States

The internal repercussions of the Arab military defeat continue bubbling up in various Arab states. In Egypt, Nasir yesterday took over the top post in his political machine, replacing a man who had apparently become a rival in recent days. Also, a new cabinet is to be announced today.

In Syria, the war has altered the precarious balance of political forces and major changes may be in the offing.

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3. Libya

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As for the US Wheelus base, the Libyan prime minister told Ambassador Newsom that it would be quite acceptable if detailed discussions on withdrawal are deferred until August or September. He would like, however, some early preliminary talks that would give the appearance of prompt forward movement.

4. Communist China

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Peking's sixth nuclear test, carried out at Lop Nor late on Friday, Washington time, was as expected its largest to date.

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5. South Vietnam

Political temperatures are already rising in anticipation of next fall's elections.

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Ambassador Bunker is very concerned. He reports that all political elements are aware of what is going on and feel that Ky is getting away with it only because the Americans support him and condone his tactics.

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6. Soviet Union

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7. France

De Gaulle's self-serving stand on the Middle East war is unpopular, not only with the French public but also among many of the General's strongest backers.

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8. Rumania

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